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Honoring the 100th anniversary of Fort McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin.

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Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. OBEY, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. PETRI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. KAGEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the 100th anniversary of Fort McCoy in Sparta,
Wisconsin.

Whereas 2009 is the 100th anniversary of the Army operating a military installation in Sparta, Wisconsin;

Whereas the Army began training in Monroe County, Wisconsin, on the 4,000-acre family farm of Robert Bruce McCoy in September 1905;

Whereas the Army purchased the McCoy farm and established the Sparta Maneuver Tract on June 8, 1909;

Whereas the camp served as one of the largest and most modern artillery camps in the Nation, training field artillery units for deployment in World War I;

Whereas the camp was officially designated Camp McCoy on November 19, 1926, in honor of Major General Robert Bruce McCoy;

Whereas the camp served as a supply base for the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression, supplying uniforms, lodging, and food to thousands of young men;

Whereas Camp McCoy was modernized and expanded to help prepare military units for deployment in World War II, resulting in the construction of 1,500 buildings capable of training and supporting 35,000 troops;

Whereas Camp McCoy was temporarily an internment camp during the Japanese American internment, a period of grave injustice to both citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry;

Whereas Camp McCoy served as a prisoner-of-war camp for 4 years, housing Japanese, German, and Korean prisoners of war;

Whereas Camp McCoy served as a major training center for the Fifth Army preparing for the Korean war;

Whereas the camp was officially renamed Fort McCoy on September 30, 1974, recognizing Fort McCoy's status as a year-round Army training facility;

Whereas Fort McCoy was designated as a Resettlement Center for Cuban refugees, housing approximately 15,000 Cubans in 1980;

Whereas the fort served as a major mobilization site during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, preparing more than 18,000 soldiers for deployment; and

Whereas Fort McCoy continues to support our Nation's defense, training more than 100,000 soldiers per year and preparing 85,000 military personnel from 49 States and 2 territories for mobilization since September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress honors Fort McCoy in Sparta,
 3 Wisconsin, on its 100th anniversary and commends the
 4 men and women who have worked and trained at the fort.

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